

Lee O. Wolfe

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WILLIAM S. COOPER, lawyer and jurist, died at his home in Winterset, Iowa, February 5, 1944; born at Beaver, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1873, son of Robert H. and Eliza Orr Cooper, both natives of that state; came to Winterset with his parents when he was six years old; educated in the Winterset schools, Des Moines college and law department of University of Virginia at Charlottesville; admitted to the Iowa bar in 1894 and practiced law at Winterset until he was elected county attorney in 1903 and afterwards until he became judge of the Fifth judicial district in 1924, serving continuously in that capacity until his death; married Edith Wainright of Winterset December 4, 1902; was an elder in the Presbyterian church, president of the Winterset school board, a member of the Rotary club and fraternal orders and always active in civic and political affairs, having served at one time as a member of the state Republican committee from the Des Moines congressional district.

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JACOB J. NEWMAN, Des Moines' last Civil war veteran, died at Des Moines, November 21, 1943; born at Langheim, Prussia, August 4, 1846; with seven other sons brought to this country by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Newman, who at that time said they did so "because we want to keep our sons out of war." Two years after the family settled in Henry county, Illinois, August 8, 1861, two of the sons enlisted in the Union army and two years later Jacob and another brother also enlisted, Jacob becoming a bugler in Company I, 148th Illinois infantry, February 9, 1865, and was discharged September 5 that year; has resided in Des Moines 44 years; served as Iowa department commander of the G. A. R. in 1940, having previously held other posts in the organization.

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LEE O. WOLFE, publisher and legislator, died at Algona, Iowa, January 28, 1943; born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, February 17, 1873; educated in the schools of that state; came west to Pontiac, Illinois in 1891 and taught school there for seven years; in April 1898 enlisted in Company F Third Illinois Infantry and served in Porto Rico in Spanish American war; in 1899 came to Iowa and located at Tiltonka; for sixteen years was postmaster and from 1899 to 1938 published the Tiltonka Topic, serving also at various times as mayor, justice of the peace, councilman, school board member, and bank cashier; his first wife dying in 1917, his second wife whom he married in 1920 and three daughters survive. Mr. Wolfe was a leader in civic activities, a member of the Methodist church, the Modern Woodmen and Masonic orders.

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